Assistance for sports infrastructure in Uttar Pradesh

†887. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Government assistance was provided to Uttar Pradesh during the last three years for the construction of sports infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of projects completed/yet to be completed in the State as on date; and

(d) the details of steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of assistance provided to Uttar Pradesh under the schemes detailed below, during the last three years were:

(Rs. In lakhs)

Name of Scheme	2001-02 Grant released	2002-03 Grant released	2003-04 Grant released
Grants for creation of sports infrastructure	32.58	16.29	46.94
Grants to rural schools for purchase of sports equipment and development of playground	14.29	21.05	39.609
Grants for promotion of sports in universities and colleges	46.01	60.24	101.564
Grants for installation of synthetic playing surfaces	0.00	0.00	0.00

(c) The details of infrastructure projects completed/yet to be completed in Uttar Pradesh are as below:

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Name of Scheme	No. of infrastructure projects approved from 2001-02 to 2003-04	No. of projects completed during 2001-02 to 2003-04	Total No. of projects pending for completion, as on 16.7.2004 includes infrasture projects approved prior to 2001-02)
Grants for creation of sports infrastructure	17	0	25
Grants to rural schools for purchase of sports equipment and development of playground	33	13	25
Grants for promotion of sports in universities and colleges	6	5	5
Grants for installation of synthetic playing surfaces	4	1 (sanctioned in 1999-2000)	4

(d) The status of pending projects is periodically reviewed and the State Government/grantee institutions are reminded to expedite completion of the approved sports infrastructure projects. No release by the Centre is made without receipt of progress report and audited statement of expenditure incurred by the State Government/grantee institutions from out of their share.

Investigation into IWF and IHF affairs

888. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to look into the affairs of the Indian Weightlifting Federation where doping standards are alleged and the Indian Hockey Federation where player selection appears to be on basis other than merit; and

(b) if so, by when the results of the enquiries made in this regard are expected to be known?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) and (b) National Sports Federations (NSFs) including the Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWF) and the Indian Hockey Federation (IHF) are autonomous bodies registered under the Societies Registration Act.